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TO : Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Executive

SUBJECT: Space

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1. [] represented this Agency at a meeting of the National Capitol Park and Planning Commission on 15 March 1950, at which meeting our need for an addition to M Building was reviewed. Representatives of PBA were also present and supported our request for this space as strongly as possible.

2. Our requirements were presented, together with specific statements from the PBA representatives to the effect that:

a. There is no other government space available for us now or in the foreseeable future.

b. Overall current government requirements for space in Washington are approximately 750,000 square feet in excess of availability.

c. Availability of space for leasing is rapidly decreasing, space available is excessively costly, and tenure of leases demanded by rental agencies is almost invariably beyond the one fiscal year commitment to which the government is restricted.

3. The Commission recognized our need for space, but took the following stand - on an overall government policy basis:

a. There should be no more construction authorized on government land in Washington until a decentralization policy is established, and agencies to move out are designated.

b. If we desire to construct anything new at this time we should go to a location out of Washington and begin, with a view to later expansion by further new construction in the same area.

c. If "b" is not feasible, some other agency should be moved out of Washington to make more room for CIA.

4. It was pointed out to the Commission that CIA was not in a position to influence or decide any of the alternatives proposed, which was recognized, but not to the extent of changing the stand of the Commission. However, delay in final decision was obtained until a further meeting could be held at 1:30 PM on 17 March. [] will represent CIA at that meeting.

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* 5. In the morning of 17 March the Commission is meeting with representatives of NSRB on the subject of decentralization of government activities out of the Washington area.

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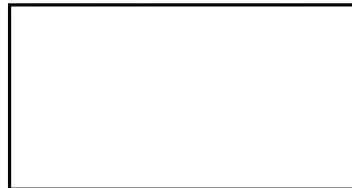
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6. Members of the Commission who attended the 15 March meeting were:

Mr. William W. Wurster	--	Chairman (Boston)
Mr. A. E. Demaray	--	Chief of National Park Service
Brig. Gen. Gordon Young	--	D.C. Commissioner
Mr. Hilyard R. Robinson	--	(Washington)
Mr. Frederick R. Bigger	--	(Pittsburgh)
Colonel Elliott	--	Representing General Pick
Mr. Sieker	--	Forest Service

Senator Neeley and Congressman McMillan are members of the Commission but were not present at the meeting.



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